



BIG ARM ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2007

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BIG ARM IS LOOKING MORE BEAUTIFUL! THANK YOU TO THE GOOD NEIGHBORS WHO PICKED-UP THE GARBAGE FROM SIX MILES OF HIGHWAY 93

The Terrific Trash Crew made Big Arm beautiful again!

A very special thank you to Roger Rogers, Earle & Wanelda Schafer, Luella & Arnie Gomke, Elmer & Agnes Kirsch, Lee & Sonja Engbretson, Jeff & Alison Meslin, Tim & Joyce Bruner, Deb & Kerry Weidrich, Linda Althouse, Nita Parks, Bob & Lucy Kobos, Paul Maurer, Mike McReynolds, Dennis Wolfe, Trish & Ron Friez, Fred McFarland, Lester Johnson, Bill Sergent, Tim Beebe, David & Cynthia Waterman, Anne & Kirk Hubbard and thank you Nita for the scrumptious cookies.

NEXT PICK-UP WILL BE EARTH DAY NEXT APRIL

Thank you to the residents who picked up the trash on all the side roads; everyone's efforts help to make Big Arm such a terrific place to live!

Wild Land Fires: To the Interagency Incident Management Team, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes, Sanders, Flathead & Lake Counties, Montana DNRC, and all Fire Departments that have worked so hard this summer to keep us safe during such a terrible fire season. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Treasurer's Report: The fund balance is \$3,857 Bills to pay will be the cost of the music and food for the upcoming dance and barbecue. Big Arm T-shirts, sweatshirts and caps make terrific Christmas presents..... Please place your Order Now! **T-shirts \$13, sweatshirts \$21, caps \$15.**

Thank you to the Musicians Dorothy Williams, Ken Jacobson and Wilfred Kenmille for providing some wonderful music for our last potluck which was a most enjoyable evening. Thank you to everyone who attended and for bringing such wonderful taste treats.

Thank you to Deb and Kerry Weidrich for hosting the Leader meeting potluck on Saturday September 8th. Lester Johnson, Luella & Arnie Gomke, Earle & Wanelda Schafer, Jeff & Alison Meslin, Lee Tom & Bonnie Eddy and Jan Phillips attended. Miscellaneous bills were reviewed, and many fun ideas were discussed for future events. Jan gave a report from the committee organizing a Barn Dance and Barbecue for Friday September 28th (see highlight for details). We would like to thank Jan Phillips, Shari Schultz, Nita Parks, Linda Althouse and Kristin Osborn for all their hard work in planning this event which promises to be a fun evening. We would love to encourage more residents to join the leadership to help make decisions and plan community events.

The Historic Big Arm School News: On September 10 Alison & Jeff Meslin and Earle Schafer attended School District 23 Board meeting. Alison asked the Board if they would give permission for the Big Arm Association to apply for an official Montana Historical Society sign to be placed on the building. We were told this matter should be an agenda item which will be included in the October Board meeting. There is a new member on the Board, Greg Hobbs and next month another new member will be chosen. This community would really benefit from having a Big Arm representative on this board and if you are interested please contact the School district for information.

Welcome New Neighbors:

A big welcome to Jeff and Aviva Brooks who have been very busy this last year building their new home.

A big welcome also to Mike & Paula Cole who have just moved into their new home. This couple is not new to the area as they have spent 15 years as summer visitors. Paula has just retired from 32

years as a speech and language pathologist in the Vancouver Washington School system. Michael is also a retired teacher but continues to share skills as a special education assistant at Polson High School. Paula is looking forward to having more time to enjoy her artistic talents in making gift cards and gourmet cooking. Together they plan to spend more time hunting, fishing, camping along with their black lab, Rita and hope to participate more in the Cowboy Action Shooters Club.

Congratulations to Paul and Karen Maurer on the arrival of their new granddaughter, Sawyer Sage King, August 4th weighing 7 pounds and measuring 18 1/2" long. Congratulations to the whole family!

September Moon BBQ-BARN Dance

September 28, 2007

6:00-10:00

Featuring:

"UNBELIEVABLE"

A D.J. playing country/western, 50's-70's music for your dancing enjoyment

Bring your family, friends,
favorite Dancing shoes and have an evening to remember

**Hamburgers and food
provided by the BAA**

**LOCATION WILL BE MARKED WITH
BALLOONS AND PLATES**

**OPPOSITE WALSTAD FISHING ACCESS
MILE MARKER 71.5**

MORE INFO CALL JAN 849-5636

Calendar of Events:

October: Halloween Party

November: Thanksgiving Turkey Potluck

December: Carol Singing

Don't be shy! Don't be too busy!

This fall BBQ & Dance is an event that shouldn't be missed!

Meet with neighbors from all over our fine village!